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## North Dakota Assisting Louisiana-Born Evacuees To Obtain Birth Certificates

BISMARCK, N.D. – The North Dakota Department of Health, Division of Vital Records, is working to help Louisiana-born hurricane evacuees currently in North Dakota obtain birth certificates from their home state.

The Department of Health is working through the National Association for Public Health Statistics and Information Systems (NAPHSIS), which has developed procedures in conjunction with Louisiana that states may follow to assist impacted evacuees.

"Birth certificates are needed by many evacuees to enroll children in school, get identification and receive much needed benefits," said Darin Meschke, director of the Division of Vital Records. "We at the Department of Health are pleased to assist evacuees from Louisiana in obtaining this important document."

For information about how to obtain a Louisiana birth certificate, evacuees can call the Division of Vital Records at 701.328.2360.

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